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Democratic State Ticket.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT,
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of Lycoming County.
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J. WOOD CLARK,
of Indiana County.
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of Bradford County.

Democratic County Ticket.

SHERIFF,
W. P. ZAHNER.
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Dry State for Students.

No Drink Available for College Man or
Kindergartener.

If one section of the new Michigan liquor law which has gone into effect is rigidly enforced, no student of any college or school of Michigan—whether a boy in knee trousers or a man 40 years old—will be able to buy a glass of any kind of liquor in the State of Michigan.

The law was drawn to put a stop to college or school boys frequenting saloons, but examination discloses that it goes much farther than intended. It forbids bartenders "to permit any student in attendance at any public or private institution of learning in that State or a minor, to play at cards, dice, billiards or any game of chance in any part of any building in which such spirituous liquors or intoxicating drinks are sold, or to sell or give to any such student any such liquor, except when prescribed by a regular physician for medical purposes."

The Tamaqua Courier advises the judges of Schuylkill county that if they really want to do something to drive crime out of the county and give it a better name they should do something with the low grog shops which abound and which are responsible, as it asserts, for ninety per cent. of the crime committed in the county. It declares that sins against the ballot box are planned in these low dives as well as many other offenses against society. The Courier could have suggested but one other thing that would contribute more to a regeneration of political and moral conditions there and that would be the resignation of the judges. There is nothing like beginning a reform movement at the right place.

—Milton Staudard.

Tonic or Stimulant?

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MOST INQUITOUS PLAN TO USURP POWER

Dangerous "Joker" in One of Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

SNAKE THAT OUGHT TO BE KILLED

Proposed Amendment Number Seven
Would Deprive the People of the
Right to Vote For Election Officers
and Give the Legislature Opportu-
nity to Debauch Elections and Ma-
nipulate Returns at Will.

Citizens who favor honest politics and just government have grave reasons to be alarmed on account of the provisions of one of the proposed amendments to the constitution. It is a palpable attempt upon the part of the machine legislature to deprive them of one of their most important political rights. If adopted the people of the cities will no longer enjoy the privilege of selecting their own election officers by ballot. They will be appointed by the machine "in such manner" as the machine legislature "may by law provide."

Section 14, article 8, of the constitution of Pennsylvania reads as follows:

Section 14. District election boards shall consist of a judge and two inspectors, who shall be chosen annually by the citizens. Each elector shall have the right to vote for one judge and one inspector, and each inspector shall appoint one clerk. The first election board for any new district shall be selected, and vacancies in election boards filled, as shall be provided by law. Election officers shall be privileged from arrest upon days of election, and while engaged in making up and transmitting returns, except upon warrant of a court of record or a judge thereof, for an election fraud, for felony, or for wanton breach of the peace. In cities they may claim exemption from jury duty during their terms of service.

The proposed amendment reads as follows:

Section 14. District election boards shall consist of a judge and two inspectors, who shall be chosen biennially by the citizens at the municipal elections; but the general assembly may require said boards to be appointed in such manner as it may by law provide. Laws regulating the appointment of said boards may be enacted to apply to cities only. Provided, that such laws be uniform for cities of the same class. Each elector shall have the right to vote for the judge and one inspector, and each inspector shall appoint one clerk. The first election board for any new district shall be selected, and vacancies in election boards filled as shall be provided by law. Election officers shall be privileged from arrest upon days of election, and while engaged in making up and transmitting returns, except upon warrant of a court of record or judge thereof, for an election fraud, for felony, or for wanton breach of the peace. In cities they may claim exemption from jury duty during their terms of service.

It will be noticed that the only difference between the sections as at present worded and that which it is proposed to substitute is the language emphasized in the above quotation. Obviously the intent of the legislators who conceived and proposed this amendment hoped to deceive the people by the similarity of expression into an indifference on the subject. The original provision and the proposed amendment begin and end alike, but they are vastly different. The amendment applies only to cities, it is true, but it applies to all cities and will give the machine legislature absolute control over so large a proportion of the total vote that it would be utterly impossible to counteract the frauds which might easily be projected and perpetrated.

It is hardly necessary to speak of the manner of appointing election boards in the cities which the machine legislature would adopt in the event that this power was conferred upon it by an amendment of the constitution. The legislatures of 1903 or 1905 would, in all probability, have appointed a commission consisting of Jim Mc-Nichel, Dave Lane and Sam Salter, for Philadelphia, and men of the same type for other cities of the state, to appoint the election boards. Or it might authorize the Republican state committee to appoint them for all cities. There is absolutely no provision for restraint of the partisanship in the legislature in the event that this odious proposition is insinuated into the constitution.

The Williamsport Sun, in discussing this question, says:

It is doubtful whether in the history of Pennsylvania as bold an attempt to usurp the people's right and delegate the same to a political party was ever made as is now being attempted by a machine Republican legislature in one of the proposed amendments to the constitution to be voted upon at the November election. Fortunately the attempt has been unmasked in time to frustrate its fruition. The amendment in question is that pertaining to the election of district election boards, intending to make the same appointive instead of elective, thus compelling the people to surrender the most important political right they possess, and to part with a safeguard which really lies at the very source of liberty. As it appears upon the ballot to be voted in November the amendment is number seven.

Thursday, October 14 a Big Day at the State Capitol.

Governor Stuart, John Wanamaker and Others to Address Mass Meeting.

Until within the very recent past the Sunday school was looked upon as a place for the instruction of children but the advent of the Organized Adult Bible Class has changed this old fashioned notion and men and women are now found in the Sunday school in large numbers.

The organization of Bible classes for men and women has taken the form of mighty movement in Pennsylvania and the State is feeling the influence of it from one end to the other.

Thursday, October 14th representatives of these classes will assemble in Harrisburg in connection with the annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, which meets October 13-15 and hold a big demonstration in the interest of the Organized Adult Class Movement. Governor Stuart will be present and address the evening meeting to be held in the Chestnut Street Auditorium. The building has a seating capacity of 4,000 and will be reserved strictly for members of men's classes. The representatives of women's classes will meet in one of the large churches.

The afternoon of the day will be devoted to a conference session of the delegates. Three auditoriums will be used to accommodate the audiences.

The mass meeting will be preceded by a street parade in which more than 5,000 men will participate.

The railroads will run special trains for the occasion and many counties are now at work forming their delegations. Some of them have already announced the number they will take as follows: Lebanon, 500; Berks, 500; Philadelphia, 500; Fayette, 125; Westmoreland, 100; Lycoming, 100; Blair, 100; Cambria, 100. Every county will be represented. The delegations will go with bands and banners. It will be a big day at the State Capitol.

Among the speakers advertised are Hon. John Wanamaker, Philadelphia; Rev. David James Burrell, D. D., New York; Bishop James Henry Darlington, Harrisburg; W. C. Pearce, Chicago; Dr. Joseph Clark, Ohio, and others.

The State Association will offer four flag awards for classes showing the largest percentage of membership present and the largest aggregate mileage traveled by the delegates. The parade will be reviewed by Governor Stuart, the State Board of Directors and invited guests.

The local committee is planning to have elaborate electric illuminations for the occasion.

Mr. O. P. Beckley, of Harrisburg, with an efficient committee is co-operating with the State Association in working out the details. The carrying out of the present plans will surpass anything of the kind ever attempted.

Might Have Been Better.

Highly commendatory are the editorial remarks of the State's press upon the information of Treasurer John O. Sheatz that the Commonwealth is practically out of debt. Especially do the inland town newspapers pay tribute to Mr. Sheatz for the frank condemnation of his own party's failure to fulfill its tariff pledges. Mr. Sheatz might have added, ament the Commonwealth's finances, that but for the Capitol grafting the State might not only be wholly out of debt, but have a surplus of eight or ten millions, and this makes no allowance for well-known grafts in other departments.

An International Courtesy.

Bedecked in bunting, with every gun wrapped in red, as a mark of courtesy to the Mexican gunboat Morelos, which was last Thursday celebrating in Hampton Roads the ninety-ninth anniversary of the birth of the Mexican Republic, as well as the seventy-ninth anniversary of the birth of President Diaz, the ships of the American battle fleet presented a magnificent picture.

In further honor of the Mexicans, the American ships three times fired simultaneously national salutes of 21 guns, every ship flying the Mexican colors at her mainmast.

The Wyoming Democrat refers to the Quay statue as "a sentinel mute before the palace of graft." The Harrisburg Patriot speaks of the \$20,000 work of art as unclaimed freight that no one seems to want.

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